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Re: Sprint Nextel's Status Report on 800 MHz Band Reconfiguration

WT Docket 02-55

Dear Mr. Furth:

Sprint Nextel Corporation ("Sprint Nextel") hereby files the attached report regarding the 800 MHz band reconfiguration progress with the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") and the 800 MHz Transition Administrator, LLC ("TA"). In its September 12, 2007 *Third Memorandum Opinion and Order* in the above-captioned proceeding, the Commission required Sprint Nextel to submit monthly reports regarding its clearing of Channels 1-120 (Phase I) and the NPSPAC channel block (Phase II). *See Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band*, Third Memorandum Opinion and Order, WT Docket No. 02-55, at ¶¶ 29-30 (rel. Sep. 12, 2007) ("Third Memorandum Opinion and Order").

As demonstrated in this report, the substantial progress in 800 MHz band reconfiguration noted in Sprint Nextel's previous monthly reports has continued. In Phase I, in the past month, Sprint Nextel has completed the retuning of all non-Sprint Nextel, non-SouthernLINC Channel 1-120 incumbent licensees in one additional NPSPAC region (Great Lakes - Chicago), raising the number of completed Phase I NPSPAC regions to forty. In the sixteen remaining NPSPAC regions or U.S. Territories in which Channel 1-120 clearing has not been fully completed, thirteen have three or fewer 1-120 Channel licensees remaining to be retuned. *Overall, ninety-five percent of the nearly 1200 Channel 1-120 licensees that must be retuned during Phase I of 800 MHz band reconfiguration have been retuned. See* Figure 1.

By any reportable measure Phase II of 800 MHz band reconfiguration continues to show strong progress. For example, over 100 public safety licensees have completed retuning to their new channel assignments and more than 500 of the 900 non-border area public safety licensees who must be retuned have signed Frequency Retuning Agreements ("FRAs") and are at various stages of implementation. Of the approximately 400 licensees who have not yet signed FRAs, sixty percent of those licensees continue to plan their retunes pursuant to Planning Funding

By continuing to file these reports in compliance with this reporting requirement, Sprint Nextel does not waive its right to challenge those requirements or any other portion of the *Third Memorandum Opinion and Order*.

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Agreements ("PFAs") and are working with their vendors and consultants to provide cost estimates to Sprint Nextel so that we can negotiate FRAs. The remaining licensees are already conducting accelerated negotiations and mediations to reach FRAs so that they can move on to retuning their systems.

As Sprint Nextel predicted last year, the participation of public safety licensees, vendors, Sprint Nextel and the TA at Regional Planning meetings has proven to be invaluable in the interoperability planning and implementation of both individual and regional retunes. As listed in Figure 4, 106 Phase II NPSPAC licensees have established a date certain with Sprint Nextel for starting and completing their physical retuning work. Based on *ad hoc* requests to schedule and perform retunes, as well as those discussed through the regional planning process, Sprint Nextel has been notified of and is prepared to timely provide cleared replacement channels for nearly 500 public safety agencies when they are ready to retune.² We will continue to schedule replacement channel availability with additional incumbents as they participate in regional planning sessions or otherwise advise us of their infrastructure retuning schedules.³

Of particular note, Sprint Nextel is pleased to report that it has made all of the required replacement spectrum available to a number of statewide and major metropolitan systems, each of which have initiated their infrastructure retunes, including the State of Colorado, the State of Oregon, the City of Indianapolis (Metropolitan Emergency Communications Agency) and the State of New York's Metro 21 (New York City) system. Figure 4 lists other large public safety agencies which are scheduled to begin their retunes in the coming months, including the New York-New Jersey Port Authority and Utah Communications Agency Network ("UCAN").

Sprint Nextel appreciates the continuing opportunity to update the Commission on the substantial progress being made in 800 MHz band reconfiguration. We are available to discuss this Report at the Bureau's convenience. Sprint Nextel remains committed to completing 800 MHz band reconfiguration and submits that by any objective measure substantial progress continues to be achieved.

The dates for these retunes will be responsive to the requirements of public safety licensees. Some are scheduled for completion in 2008; others in 2009 and beyond.

Sprint Nextel continues to make 1-120 channels available to public safety licensees ready to initiate their infrastructure retunes within sixty days notice, as provided for in the Commission's *Third Memorandum Opinion and Order*.

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Should you have any further questions in this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted

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Figure 1: Retuning Status of Channels 1-120 - Non-Border Licensees

| | | # of No | # of Non-Border Licensees | | |
|----------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------|--|
| NPSPAC | | 1-120 | 1-120 | 1-120 | |
| Region # | Region Name | Total Licensees | Licensees Cleared | Licensees | |
| | A1.1 | 7 | 7 | Remaining 0 | |
| 1 | Alabama | 13 | , | 0 | |
| 2 | Alaska | | 13 | | |
| 3 | Arizona | 48 | 46 | 2 | |
| 4 | Arkansas | 17 | 17 | 0 | |
| 5 | Southern California | 6 | 5 | 1 | |
| 6 | Northern California | 63 | 62 | 1 | |
| 7 | Colorado | 21 | 21 | 0 | |
| 8 | New York Metropolitan Area | 49 | 49 | 0 | |
| 9 | Florida | 105 | 88 | 17 | |
| 10 | Georgia | 42 | 39 | 3 | |
| 11 | Hawaii ⁴ | 33 | 33 | 0 | |
| 12 | Idaho | 12 | 12 | 0 | |
| 13 | Illinois | 30 | 30 | 0 | |
| 14 | Indiana | 19 | 19 | 0 | |
| 15 | Iowa | 10 | 10 | 0 | |
| 16 | Kansas | 16 | 16 | 0 | |
| 17 | Kentucky | 16 | 16 | 0 | |
| 18 | Louisiana | 44 | 34 | 10 | |
| 19 | New England | 36 | 35 | 1 | |
| 20 | Washington, DC/Baltimore | 31 | 25 | 6 | |
| 21 | Michigan | 2 | 2 | 0 | |
| 22 | Minnesota | 51 | 51 | 0 | |
| 23 | Mississippi | 17 | 15 | 2 | |
| 24 | Missouri | 23 | 23 | 0 | |
| 25 | Montana | 11 | 11 | 0 | |
| 26 | Nebraska | 7 | 7 | 0 | |
| 27 | Nevada | 45 | 45 | 0 | |
| 28 | Eastern PA (Philadelphia) | 32 | 32 | 0 | |

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Sprint Nextel notes that one 800 MHz licensee (Island Wireless, Inc.) which had previously completed its Phase I retune in December 2006, had a 1-120 channel license reinstated by the FCC in February 2007. In December 2007, Sprint Nextel signed an FRA with the licensee to modify this new license from its 1-120 channel assignment to its new channel assignment.

| | | # of Non-Border Licensees | | |
|----------|---|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| NPSPAC | Davian Nama | 1-120 | 1-120 | 1-120 |
| Region # | Region Name | Total Licensees | Licensees Cleared | Licensees Remaining |
| 29 | New Mexico | 24 | 24 | 0 |
| 30 | New York – Albany | 8 | 7 | 1 |
| 31 | North Carolina | 31 | 29 | 2 |
| 32 | North Dakota | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| 33 | Ohio | 16 | 15 | 1 |
| 34 | Oklahoma | 11 | 11 | 0 |
| 35 | Oregon | 24 | 24 | 0 |
| 36 | Pennsylvania | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| 37 | South Carolina | 14 | 13 | 1 |
| 38 | South Dakota | 9 | 9 | 0 |
| 39 | Tennessee | 31 | 31 | 0 |
| 40 | Dallas, TX | 23 | 23 | 0 |
| 41 | Utah | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 42 | Virginia | 27 | 27 | 0 |
| 43 | Washington | 11 | 11 | 0 |
| 44 | West Virginia | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| 45 | Wisconsin | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| 46 | Wyoming | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| 47 | Puerto Rico | 12 | 9 | 3 |
| 48 | Virgin Islands | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| 49 | Austin, TX | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| 50 | Texas - El Paso | 16 | 16 | 0 |
| 51 | Houston, TX | 23 | 23 | 0 |
| 52 | Lubbock, TX | 25 | 25 | 0 |
| 53 | Texas - San Antonio | 14 | 13 | 1 |
| 54 | Great Lakes (Chicago) ² | 40 | 40 | 0 |
| 55 | Western Upstate New York | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | US Territories (Guam, Northern Mariana, Gulf of Mexico, etc.) | 2 | 0 | 2 |

Figure 2: Retuning Status of Channels 1-120 – SouthernLinc Cleared

| NPSPAC Region # | Region Name | SouthernLinc 1-120 Channels Cleared |
|--------------------|----------------|---|
| 1 | Alabama | 2 |
| 9 | Florida | 0 |
| 10 | Georgia | 1 |
| 23 | Mississippi | 0 |
| 31 | North Carolina | 0 |
| 37 | South Carolina | 0 |
| 39 | Tennessee | 0 |

Figure 3: Retuning Status of Channels 1-120 – Sprint Nextel Clearing

| | | # of Channels |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---|
| NPSPAC Region # | Region Name | Sprint Nextel 1-120 Cleared for Licensees |
| 1 | Alabama | 4 |
| 2 | Alaska | 0 |
| 3 | Arizona | 0 |
| 4 | Arkansas | 5 |
| 5 | Southern California | 0 |
| 6 | Northern California | 35 |
| 7 | Colorado | All 1-120s |
| 8 | New York Metropolitan Area | 10 |
| 9 | Florida | 0 |
| 10 | Georgia | 0 |
| 11 | Hawaii | 0 |
| 12 | Idaho | 0 |
| 13 | Illinois | 4 |
| 14 | Indiana | 37 |
| 15 | Iowa | 0 |
| 16 | Kansas | 25 |
| 17 | Kentucky | 16 |
| 18 | Louisiana | 0 |
| 19 | New England | 2 |
| 20 | Washington, DC/Baltimore | 0 |
| 21 | Michigan | 0 |
| 22 | Minnesota | 3 |
| 23 | Mississippi | 3 |
| 24 | Missouri | 16 |
| 25 | Montana | 0 |
| 26 | Nebraska | 7 |
| 27 | Nevada | 0 |
| 28 | Eastern PA (Philadelphia) | 0 |
| 29 | New Mexico | 0 |
| 30 | New York – Albany | 0 |
| 31 | North Carolina | 0 |
| 32 | North Dakota | 0 |
| 33 | Ohio | 0 |

| | | # of Channels |
|--------------------|---|---|
| NPSPAC Region # | Region Name | Sprint Nextel 1-120 Cleared for Licensees |
| 34 | Oklahoma | 5 |
| 35 | Oregon | 11 |
| 36 | Pennsylvania | 0 |
| 37 | South Carolina | 0 |
| 38 | South Dakota | 0 |
| 39 | Tennessee | 3 |
| 40 | Dallas, TX | 14 |
| 41 | Utah | 5 |
| 42 | Virginia | 27 |
| 43 | Washington | 0 |
| 44 | West Virginia | 0 |
| 45 | Wisconsin | 0 |
| 46 | Wyoming | 11 |
| 47 | Puerto Rico | 0 |
| 48 | Virgin Islands | 0 |
| 49 | Austin, TX | 0 |
| 50 | Texas - El Paso | 0 |
| 51 | Houston, TX | 13 |
| 52 | Lubbock, TX | 0 |
| 53 | Texas - San Antonio | 0 |
| 54 | Great Lakes (Chicago) | 24 |
| 55 | Western Upstate New York | 0 |
| | US Territories (Guam, Northern Mariana, Gulf of Mexico, etc.) | 0 |

Figure 4: NPSPAC Licensees' Agreed Upon Sprint Nextel Clear Dates for Channels 1-120

| NPSPAC Region # | Region Name | Licensee Name | Agreed Upon Date for Sprint Nextel to Clear By |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | Alabama | Talladega County EMA, AL PH II | 12/27/2007 |
| | | | |
| 4 | Arkansas | Jefferson, County of, AR PH II | 9/27/2007 |
| 6 | California - North | Lodi, City of, CA PH II | 9/15/2007 |
| 6 | California - North | Emeryville, City of, CA PH II | 9/25/2007 |
| 6 | California - North | Campbell, City of, CA PH II | 10/1/2007 |
| 6 | California - North | San Joaquin, County of, CA PH II | 10/1/2007 |
| 6 | California - North | Stockton, City of, CA PH II | 10/1/2007 |
| 6 | California - North | Contra Costa County, CA PH II | 10/22/2007 |
| 6 | California - North | Ceres, City of, CA PH II | 10/31/2007 |
| 6 | California - North | Turlock, Gustine City's of, CA PH II | 10/31/2007 |
| 6 | California - North | Elk Grove Unified School District, CA PH II | 12/29/2007 |
| 6 | California - North | University of California - Merced PH II | 1/15/2008 |
| 6 | California - North | Palo Alto, City of, CA PH II | 2/15/2008 |
| 6 | California - North | Vacaville, City of, CA PH II | 2/15/2008 |
| 6 | California - North | San Bruno, City of, CA PH II | 2/17/2008 |
| 6 | California - North | Santa Clara Valley Water District, CA PH II | 3/15/2008 |
| 6 | California - North | Fresno, City of, CA PH II | 3/26/2008 |
| | C 1 1 | L L C' C CO N H | 6/10/2007 |
| 7 | Colorado | Lakewood, City of, CO, Phase II | 6/19/2007 |
| 7 | Colorado | Pikes Peak Regional Comm Network | 9/15/2007 |
| 7 | Colorado | Adams Twelve Five Star School District, Phase II | 11/27/2007 |
| 7 | Colorado | Westminster, City of, CO PH II | 12/1/2007 |
| 7 | Colorado | Colorado, State of PH II | 1/25/2008 |
| 8 | New York - Metropolitan | New York, State of PH II Metro 21 | 9/4/2007 |
| 8 | New York - Metropolitan | West Orange, Township of, NJ PH II | 1/20/2008 |
| 8 | New York - Metropolitan | State University of NY Maritime College PH II | 1/26/2008 |
| 8 | New York - Metropolitan | Parsippany Troy Hills, Township, NJ PH II | 2/11/2008 |
| 8 | New York - Metropolitan | Middlesex, County of, NJ PH II | 3/11/2008 |
| 8 | New York - Metropolitan | Port Auth of NY and NJ PH II | 5/10/2008 |
| 10 | Georgia | Crisp, County of, GA | 12/13/2007 |

| 13 | Illinois | Saint Clair County Transit District, IL PH II | 7/31/2007 |
|----|--|---|------------|
| 14 | Indiana | Lagrange County Communications, IN PH II | 9/16/2007 |
| 14 | Indiana | Hancock County of, IN PH II | 10/24/2007 |
| 14 | Indiana | Cass, County of, IN PH II | 11/19/2007 |
| 14 | Indiana | Anderson, City of, IN PH II | 11/26/2007 |
| 14 | Indiana | Metropolitan Emergency Communications Agey PH | 11/30/2007 |
| 14 | Indiana | Steuben, County of, IN PH II | 12/5/2007 |
| 14 | Indiana | Howard, County of, IN PH II | 12/17/2007 |
| 14 | Indiana | Louisville Metro Government, KY PH II | 2/26/2008 |
| 16 | Kansas | Finney County, KS PH II | 9/21/2007 |
| 16 | Kansas | Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation, KS PH II | 10/15/2007 |
| 16 | Kansas | Wabaunsee County, KS PH II | 11/25/2007 |
| 16 | Kansas | Mc Pherson County, KS PH II | 12/4/2007 |
| 16 | Kansas | Crawford County, KS PH II | 2/7/2008 |
| 17 | Kentucky | Kentucky State Police PH II | 9/10/2007 |
| 17 | Kentucky | Campbell, County of, KY PH II | 11/8/2007 |
| 17 | Kentucky | Covington, City of, KY PH II | 11/9/2007 |
| 17 | Kentucky | Kenton, County of, KY PH II_Police | 11/9/2007 |
| 17 | Kentucky | Louisville Metro Government, KY PH II | 2/26/2008 |
| 19 | Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut | Watertown, Town of, MA PH II | 6/22/2007 |
| 19 | Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut | South Hadley, Town of, MA PH II | 6/23/2007 |
| 19 | Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut | North Andover, Town of, MA PH II | 12/15/2007 |
| 19 | Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut | Easton, Town of, MA PH II | 1/19/2008 |
| 19 | Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut | Groton, Town of, CT PH II | 3/1/2008 |
| 19 | Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut | Newton, City of, MA PH II | 3/8/2008 |

| 22 | Minnesota | Brown, County of, MN PH II | 7/31/2007 |
|----|----------------|--|------------|
| 22 | Minnesota | Sherburne, County of, MN PH II | 12/17/2007 |
| 22 | Minnesota | Hennepin, County of, MN PH II | 1/16/2008 |
| 22 | Minnesota | Rice & Steele, County of, MN PH II | 1/16/2008 |
| 22 | Minnesota | Olmsted, County of, MN PH II | 1/29/2008 |
| 22 | Minnesota | Wright, County of, MN PH II | 1/30/2008 |
| 22 | Minnesota | Saint Louis, County of, MN PH II | 3/1/2008 |
| 22 | Minnesota | Minnesota, State of PH II | 3/20/2008 |
| 22 | Minnesota | Ramsey, County of, MN PH II | 4/8/2008 |
| 23 | Mississippi | Baptist Memorial Health Care Corporation PH II | 11/28/2007 |
| 24 | Missouri | Saint Clair County Transit District, IL PH II | 7/31/2007 |
| 24 | Missouri | Liberty, City of, MO PH II | 9/11/2007 |
| 24 | Missouri | Joplin, City of, MO PH II | 10/22/2007 |
| 24 | Missouri | Buchanan, County of, MO PH II | 1/16/2008 |
| 24 | Missouri | Gladstone, City of, MO PH II | 2/8/2008 |
| 26 | Nebraska | Scottsbluff, County of, NE PH II | 12/21/2007 |
| 26 | Nebraska | Nemaha, County of, NE PH II | 2/1/2008 |
| 26 | Nebraska | Richardson, County of, NE PH II | 2/4/2008 |
| 26 | Nebraska | Saline, County of, NE PH II | 2/18/2008 |
| 26 | Nebraska | Fillmore, County of, NE PH II | 2/27/2008 |
| 26 | Nebraska | York, City of, NE PH II | 2/27/2008 |
| 26 | Nebraska | York, County of, NE PH II | 2/27/2008 |
| 26 | Nebraska | Fremont, City of, NE PH II | 3/8/2008 |
| 26 | Nebraska | Lincoln, City of, NE PH II | 5/21/2008 |
| 27 | Nevada | North Las Vegas, City of, NV PH II | 2/25/2008 |
| 29 | New Mexico | Colorado, State of PH II | 1/25/2008 |
| 34 | Oklahoma | Owasso, City of, OK PH II | 12/15/2007 |
| 35 | Oregon | Oregon Department of Corrections PH II | 10/1/2007 |
| 35 | Oregon | Oregon, State of - OR PH II | 10/1/2007 |
| 39 | Tennessee | Baptist Memorial Health Care Corporation PH II | 11/28/2007 |
| 39 | Tennessee | Vanderbilt University Medical Center, TN PH II | 3/3/2008 |
| 40 | Texas - Dallas | Greenville, City of, TX PH II | 11/3/2007 |
| 40 | Texas - Dallas | Baylor Health Care System, TX PH II | 11/20/2007 |
| 40 | Texas - Dallas | Parker County, TX PH II | 11/20/2007 |
| 40 | Texas - Dallas | Sherman, City of, TX PH II | 11/25/2007 |
| 40 | Texas - Dallas | City of North Richland Hills, TX PH II | 11/28/2007 |

| 40 | Texas - Dallas | Duncanville, City of, TX PH II | 12/1/2007 |
|----|------------------------|--|------------|
| 41 | Utah | Salt Lake City, City of, UT PH II | 11/11/2007 |
| 41 | Utah | Colorado, State of PH II | 1/25/2008 |
| 41 | Utah | Utah Communications Agency Network, UT PH II | 7/24/2008 |
| 42 | Virginia | Harrisonburg-Rockingham Emer Comms. Center PH II | 11/18/2006 |
| 42 | Virginia | Blacksburg, Town of, VA PH II | 12/9/2007 |
| 42 | Virginia | Hanover, County of, VA PH II | 2/25/2008 |
| 45 | Wisconsin | Sheboygan County, WI PH II | 3/14/2008 |
| 45 | Wisconsin | Minnesota, State of PH II | 3/20/2008 |
| 45 | Wisconsin | Minnesota, State of PH II - Wave 1 | 3/20/2008 |
| 46 | Wyoming | Cheyenne, City of, WY PH II | 11/14/2007 |
| 46 | Wyoming | Utah Communications Agency Network, UT PH II | 7/24/2008 |
| 51 | Texas - Houston | Matagorda County, TX PH II | 12/8/2007 |
| 54 | Chicago - Metropolitan | Rock, County of, WI PH II | 10/3/2007 |
| 54 | Chicago - Metropolitan | Bolingbrook, Village of, IL PH II | 12/7/2007 |
| 54 | Chicago - Metropolitan | Milwaukee, City of, WI PH II | 12/13/2007 |
| 54 | Chicago - Metropolitan | Ozaukee, County of, WI PH II | 12/29/2007 |
| 54 | Chicago - Metropolitan | Kenosha, County of, WI PH II | 1/31/2008 |
| 54 | Chicago - Metropolitan | Burns Harbor, Town of, IN PH II | 2/17/2008 |
| 54 | Chicago - Metropolitan | Portage, City of, IN PH II | 2/17/2008 |
| 54 | Chicago - Metropolitan | Porter, Town of, IN PH II | 2/17/2008 |
| 54 | Chicago - Metropolitan | Orland Park, Village of, IL PH II | 3/10/2008 |
| 54 | Chicago - Metropolitan | Northwest Central Dispatch System, IL PH II | 3/11/2008 |